

(2) In Madrid, Prof. Quentin Racionero and Dr. Roldán Panadero organized a conference on “Leibniz. Comunicación y ética,” 10- 12 November 1993. 40 papers were given; among the contributors were G. Kalinowski, K. Lorenz, E. Olaso, M. Dascal, M. Sánchez-Masas, D. Berlioz, L. Cataldi, N. Rescher, M. Mugnai, E. Yakira, A. Robinet, M. Buhr, M. Fichant, Y. Zarka, and W. Totok.

*Leibniz und Europa*, edited by the late Albert Heinekamp, Isolde Hein, and the Niedersachsen foundation, was published in November 1993. There are plans to give this book (with about 200 illustrations) as a “Mitliedsgabe” to the members of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft.

### **News from France: Michel Fichant, Université de Paris I** (editor's translation and paraphrase)

An issue of *Revue d'Histoire des sciences* devoted to Leibniz will be published in December 1993. The three main articles are “Concepts juridiques et probabilistes chez Leibniz,” by Marc Parmentier (Université de Lille III), “La caractéristique géométrique leibnizienne: travail du discernement et relations fondamentales,” by Jean-Pascal Alcantera (Institut de formation des maîtres de Saint-Etienne), and “Leibniz lecteur de Mariotte” (with notes from lectures on *Traité de la percussion ou du choc des corps* of 1673), by Michel Fichant.

Several books should appear from the *Librairie philosophique Vrin (Paris)* in December 1993 - January 1994 :

- (i) François Duchesneau (Université de Montreal), *La dynamique de Leibniz*.
- (ii) Michel Fichant, *La Réforme de la dynamique* (with the complete edition of *De corporum concursu* of 1678, accompanied by other unedited documents, by partial translations, an introduction and related commentary).
- (iii) Martine de Gaudemar (Université de Aix-en-Provence), *Existence et essence chez Leibniz*.

There is a bit of a revival of Leibniz studies in France, as is clear from the team assembled to write (under the editorship of Michel Fichant) a section, “**Bulletin Leibniz 1**” for *Archives de Philosophie*, **Juillet-Septembre 1993, Tome 56, Cahier 3**. This is a collection of book reviews of works by and about Leibniz, including recent and forthcoming volumes of the Academy edition, critical editions,

and secondary literature, ranging from an Italian translation of E. J. Aiton's *Leibniz: A Biography* to Mark Kulstad's *Leibniz on Apperception, Consciousness, and Reflection*. Included also is a bibliographical note by Hidé Ishiguro on Leibniz studies in Japan.

There is also a recent issue of *Philosophie* (numéro 39, 1er septembre 1993, Les Editions de Minuit, Paris), edited by Michel Fichant, that is devoted to Leibniz. This issue includes "Ethique et Morale chez Leibniz" by Martine de Guademar, "Correspondance et responsabilité dans la philosophie des signes: Analyse critique du *Dialogus* de 1677" by Claude Gaudin, "Leibniz et les termes abstraits: un nominalisme par provision" by Jean Baptiste Rauzy, "Le concept scientifique de l'individualité universelle selon Leibniz" by D. Mahnke (a translation of the 2d chapter of Mahnke's *Leibniz und Goethe*, 1924), and "Mécanisme et Métaphysique: Le rétablissement des formes substantielles (1679)" by Michel Fichant, as well as Fichant's annotated translation of Leibniz's *Pensees sur l'instauration d'une physique nouvelle* (July-September 1679).

In French universities there are young scholars working on their doctorates in Leibniz studies. They are open to exchanges with the international scholarly community, and it is hoped that someday soon a Leibniz society can be established in France.

### **News from Canada: François Duchesneau, Université de Montréal**

A Conference will be held at Cérisy, France on "Les deux labyrinthes, actualité de Leibniz," 15-22 June 1995, organized by Dominique Berlioz (Université de Rennes) and Frédéric Nef.

*Leibniz-Thomasius, Correspondance 1663-1672, Texte établi, traduit, anoté et commenté* (Paris: Vrin, 1993, 366 p.) by Richard Bodéus (Université de Montréal) is a magnificent edition and French translation of the Leibniz-Thomasius correspondence.

A special issue of *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* devoted to Leibniz (guest editors: F. Duchesneau and M. Fichant) will appear in mid-1994.